

Lynwood Pacific Electric
11453 Long Branch Boulevard
Lynwood
Los Angeles
California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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LYNWOOD PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY DEPOT

Location: Southern Pacific Railroad Right of Way, 11453 Long Beach Boulevard, Lynwood, Los Angeles, California.

Present Owner: Southern Pacific Company
610 South Main St.
Los Angeles, CA.

Present Occupant: Unoccupied.

Present Use: Unoccupied, moved 1974.

Significance: To present knowledge the Lynwood depot is the only remaining Pacific Electric passenger station. It has survived the devastating Long Beach earthquake of 1933, neglect and vandalism and stands evidence of a part of greater Los Angeles and Southern California heritage. The style of the Lynwood Station, showing the influence of California architects Bernard Maybeck and Greene and Greene, is unique in that it apparently was never repeated in the Pacific Electric System.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1917 (replaced original 1905 shed).
2. Architect: Unknown
3. Original and subsequent owners: The present station was built by the Lynwood Company for the Southern Pacific. In 1953 the Pacific Electric (a subsidiary of Southern Pacific) sold all of its passenger services to Metropolitan Coach Lines. The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority took over bus and rail services and the station was finally abandoned in 1958.
4. Alterations and additions: The different operations that owned the building altered the building slightly but did not change its overall appearance or plan. (See historic photocopy of drawing 1919).

B. Sources of Information:

1. Old Views:

Photocopy from: Elliott, Clifford A., "Shelters and Stations on Pacific Electric's Interurban Lines", Electric Railway Journal, V. 53, No. 15, April 12, 1919, p. 733.

Photocopy of: Pacific Electric Railway Lynwood Shelter Shed, ca. 1916; from Southern Pacific Transportation Company file photo.

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of Public Works
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PART II ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

This brick building is a combination of Classical Revival with its fluted columns and California Bungalow style with its low pitched gables and wide overhang tile roof. Central windows are arched with typical windows enclosing interior space.

B. Site and Surrounding:

In 1917 the old Lynwood Station Shed which was once adjacent to sugar beet fields was replaced with a larger station (now existing) for passenger operation, at the intersection of Fernwood Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. The present tracks are located on the southwest side of building and did not parallel any highways. The line was originally a double track but the southern track was removed in 1940-41. This station at the date of the original survey was scheduled to be moved.

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PART III PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Division of Transportation Planning State of California Department of Transportation Sacramento, California in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to mitigate the adverse effect of moving the station. John A. Burns was the HABS project coordinator. The written data was prepared in the HABS office by Patricia L. Rowse in July 1980 from information provided by Robert Andrew Swan, AIA, city of Lynwood Department of Public Works. Photographs were taken by John F. Meyerprter in April 1980.